

REMARKS

Informalities

Claim 115 is amended to add a missing parenthesis.

Section 112, First Paragraph Objections

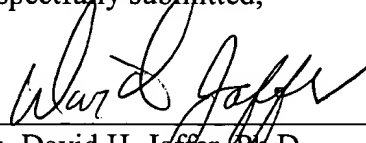
Claims 29, 32, 53, 58, 67, 72, 93, and 98, as well as claims 68-69 that depend on claim 67, were rejected because definitions of R'' and X' are not provided in the specification. Applicants have amended these claims to delete the references to R'' and X'. For the sake of simplicity in reading the amendment, the entire clause listing the bases has been stricken out, and re-written with R'', X', and the chemical symbols for the anions deleted. The only substantive change is in the deletion of R'', X', and their definitions within the claim.

Applicants believe these claims now satisfy the requirements of Section 112, first paragraph, as the chemical terms appearing in the claims are well-known and defined in the chemical arts. Applicants therefore request entry of these amendments to the claims to put the claims in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner does not concur with this analysis, the Examiner is authorized to cancel these claims by Examiner's Amendment in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. Authorization has been provided to cancel the claims rejected under Section 112, first paragraph, in the last Office Action if the Examiner does not concur. If any further questions should arise prior to a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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